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## EDITORIALS

### REFERENDUM BALLOTS ON INCORPORATION OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

*Explanation of Ballots Which Will Be Mailed to You.*—Within a few days after the receipt of the July number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, every member of the California Medical Association will receive a ballot with stamped reply envelope addressed to the California Medical Association. Also some explanatory leaflets telling of the action of the House of Delegates at the last annual session at San Diego, wherein it was ordered that a referendum ballot should be taken on the proposed incorporation of the California Medical Association.

The minutes of the May 8, 1929 meeting of the House of Delegates, which were printed in the June issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on page 437, gave a synopsis of the proceedings of the House in relation to the proposed referendum and to the new Constitution and By-Laws which were adopted at that time.

The proposed California Medical Association corporation is to be a nonprofit corporation without capital stock. The form of corporation is one which is permitted under the California statutes and has been used by the San Francisco County Medical Association as a means of best caring for its properties and funds. The incorporation

plan has been most carefully studied by the Council during the last three years, and not only has its endorsement, but at San Diego also received that of the House of Delegates.

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*Next Step in the Procedure for Incorporation.* What is now wanted and what is needed, in order to best comply with the corporation laws of California, is the endorsement of the members at large.

The minutes and literature to which reference here has been made, and which will be enclosed with the ballot, will explain the details. In this column we can only add that it is our sincere belief that this form of incorporation will amply safeguard, in fullest degree, all the properties and funds of the California Medical Association for all time to come—insofar as carefully constructed laws can so safeguard—and that through such incorporation, the California Medical Association will be in position to develop into a stronger and in every way a better state medical association than would be possible without such incorporation.

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*How to Vote If in Favor of Incorporation.*—If you are in favor of incorporation, take your ballot and cross out the words “(b) I disapprove and do not consent to”—

Then sign your name and address, and mail promptly to the central office of the Association in the stamped reply envelope which will be enclosed with the ballot.

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*Important That Every Member Should Vote.*—Please remember that there are certain legal technicalities in all this, and that it is important that every member should vote and mail his or her ballot *promptly*. Do this at once and the duty and obligation will be behind instead of in front of you. Also you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your part in laying a broader foundation for future growth of the California Medical Association.

### THE BACTERIOPHAGE—VIEWPOINTS OF SCHULTZ OF STANFORD

*A Previous Paper on the Bacteriophage.*—The October 1927 issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE presented a discussion of “The Bacteriophage—Its Prophylactic and Therapeutic Value—A Review.” The opening sentence of E. W. Schultz of Stanford, author of the article, stated: “The discovery of bacteriophage by d’Herelle (of the Pasteur Institute of Paris) in 1916 marks the beginning of one of the most important epochs of bacteriology, not only because of its theoretical, but probable practical bearing.” . . . “D’Herelle concluded that the phenomenon must be due to an invisible parasite of the bacteria, and he accordingly gave it the name ‘bacteriophage.’”

In his conclusions our Stanford colleague stated: “A review of the literature indicates that the bacteriophage may exercise either a prophy-